



HOUSE BILL 607: Massage Board Membership.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 29, 2019
Introduced by:	Rep. McNeill	Prepared by:	Greg Roney
Analysis of:	PCS to Second Edition H607-CSTMf-12		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 607 would:*

- *Reduce the membership of the NC Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy from the current 7 members to 5 members.*
- *Increase the allowable fees for a license to practice massage and bodywork therapy:*
 - *Application for license increased from \$20 to \$30.*
 - *Initial license fee increased from \$150 to \$200.*
 - *License renewal increased from \$100 to \$150.*
 - *Late renewal penalty increased from \$75 to \$100.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S311, as introduced by Sens. Bishop, Lowe, which is currently in House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.]

CURRENT LAW: The NC Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy consists of 7 members as follows:

- 2 massage therapists appointed by the Speaker of the House
- 2 massage therapists appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- 1 massage therapist appointed by the Governor
- 1 licensed physician appointed by the Governor
- 1 public member appointed by the Governor

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 607 would reduce the membership of the NC Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy from the current 7 members to 5 members. Currently, the General Assembly appoints 4 Board members who are massage and bodywork therapists. The PCS reduces the General Assembly's appointments to 2 members who are therapists, allowing the Governor to appoint the majority of the Board.

The PCS for House Bill 607 would also increase 4 fees as follows: application for license increased from \$20 to \$30; initial license fee increased from \$150 to \$200; license renewal increased from \$100 to \$150; and late renewal penalty increased from \$75 to \$100.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS for House Bill 607 would apply the increased fees starting July 1, 2019. The Board membership reduction would occur June 30, 2019.

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